

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a component for a vehicle comprising:

forming a substrate in a mold by injecting a first resin into a first cavity, reconfiguring a portion of the mold to form a second cavity, and injecting a second resin into a second cavity, the substrate having a channel;

providing locating a flexible member adjacent at least a portion of the substrate to form a cavity between the substrate and the flexible member, the flexible member having a protrusion;

coupling at least a portion of the flexible member to the substrate by inserting at least a portion of the protrusion of the flexible member into the channel; and

introducing a material into the cavity after securing at least a portion of the flexible member to the substrate;

wherein the flexible member and the material introduced into the cavity form a cushioned region for the vehicle component.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the flexible member is provided in a region of the interior panel intended to be contacted by an occupant of the vehicle.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising forming the flexible member utilizing at least one of a slush molding process, a vacuum forming process, an injection molding process, an extrusion process, and a casting process.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the flexible member is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of textiles, polyurethane, polyvinylchloride, a thermoplastic olefin, and combinations thereof.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of introducing the material into the cavity comprises introducing the material into the cavity and expanding the material.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein the material is introduced into the cavity through an aperture formed in the substrate.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein the material introduced into the cavity is a foam material.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein ~~the flexible member includes a first feature configured for coupling with a second feature provided on the substrate, and wherein the step of coupling the skin to the substrate comprises coupling the first feature to the second feature~~ the substrate further comprises a depression and wherein the channel and the flexible member are located within the depression.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[8]] 1 wherein the step of coupling the flexible member to the substrate further comprises securing the flexible member to the substrate with utilizing a vacuum device.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein the substrate includes at least one aperture so that air within the cavity is drawn through the aperture by the vacuum device.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10 wherein the aperture is provided in the substrate at the location where ~~the first feature is coupled to the second feature~~ protrusion engages the channel.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10 wherein the aperture is provided in the substrate at a location intermediate the location of a boundary formed between the flexible member and the substrate and the location where ~~the first feature is coupled to the second feature~~ protrusion engages the channel.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10 wherein the location where the ~~first feature is coupled to the second feature~~ protrusion engages the channel is provided intermediate the location of a boundary formed between the flexible member and the substrate and the location of the aperture.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of forming a substrate comprises:

providing a first mold section, a second mold section, and a shut-off member movable between a first position and a second position;

providing a first cavity defined by the first mold section, the second mold section, and the shut-off member when in the first position; and

providing a second cavity is defined by the first mold section, the second mold section, the first resin, and the shut off member when in the second position.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the first resin comprises a first polymeric material and the second resin comprises a second polymeric material different than the first polymeric material.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15 wherein the first resin comprises a first color and the second resin comprises a second color different than the first color.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the first resin comprises a first polymeric material and the second resin comprises a second polymeric material which is the same as the first polymeric material.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17 wherein the first polymeric material comprises a first color and the second polymeric material comprises a second color different than the first color.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the first resin comprises a first color and the second resin comprises a second color different than the first color.

20. (Original) The method Claim 1 wherein the component comprises an interior trim panel for a vehicle.

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A method for forming a panel for a passenger compartment of a vehicle, the method comprising:

forming a substrate in a mold by injecting a first resin into a first cavity, reconfiguring a portion of the mold to form a second cavity, and injecting a second resin into a second cavity, the substrate having at least one aperture;

locating a flexible member adjacent at least a portion of the substrate to form a cavity between the substrate and the flexible member;

coupling at least a portion of the flexible member to the substrate by drawing a vacuum through the at least one aperture; and

introducing a foam material into the cavity;

wherein the flexible member and the foam material form a cushioned area in the panel.

23. (New) The method of Claim 22 wherein the substrate includes a channel and the flexible member includes a protrusion and the step of coupling the flexible member to the substrate comprises inserting at least a portion of the protrusion into the channel.

24. (New) The method of Claim 23 wherein the at least one aperture is located in the channel.

25. (New) A trim component for a vehicle comprising:
 - a one-piece molded substrate having a first portion formed of a first resin, a second portion formed of a second resin and a channel;
 - a skin having a protrusion and coupled to the substrate by engagement of the protrusion with the channel;
 - a foam material disposed between the skin and the substrate;

wherein the skin and the foam material form a cushioned region for the vehicle component.
26. (New) The trim component of Claim 25 wherein the skin is coupled to the substrate by a friction or interference fit between the protrusion and the channel.
27. (New) The trim component of Claim 25 wherein the protrusion is formed as at least one of a "U"-shaped portion of the skin and a solid portion extending from the skin.
28. (New) The trim component of Claim 25 wherein the substrate includes at least one vacuum aperture that extends through the substrate and used to draw a vacuum through the substrate to couple the skin to the substrate when the foam material is injected into a space between the skin and the cavity.
29. (New) The trim component of Claim 28 wherein the vacuum aperture is located in the channel.